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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT TO THEPRESS
ON DEPARTING ANKARA MARCH 11

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF REMARKS BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM ANKARA'S ESENBAGA AIRPORT
AT 5 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 11. (BEGIN TEXT)

2. "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I CAME HERE TO STRENGTHEN THE
OLD FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES.
THIS FRIENDSHIP, AS THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY
AFFIRMED, IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES
AND IT IS NOT EXTENDED AS A FAVOR BY ONE COUNTRY TO
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ANOTHER COUNTRY AND IT IS IN THAT CONTEXT THAT THE

ADMINISTRATION VIEWS THE ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. "WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO OVERCOME WHATEVER DIFFICULTIES
EXIST IN THAT RELATIONSHIP AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE
WILL EMERGE FROM THESE DIFFICULTIES WITH AN EVEN STRONGER
APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER'S NEEDS AND WITH AN EVEN STRONGER
COMMITMENT TO THE MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP THAN BEFORE.

4. "WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS, WE REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN
A FRIENDLY SPIRIT. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE
QUICKEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL
PARTIES AND OF ALL OF THE COUNTRIES. THE PROBLEM IS TO BEGIN
THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO FIND A FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS. AND I BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THAT
DIRECTION DURING MY VISIT.

5. "NOW I WILL BE GLAD TO TAKE TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS..
(INAUDIBLE) FROM THOSE WHO ARE NOT TRAVELLING WITH ME."
(LAUGHTER)

6. Q: (INAUDIBLE) HAVE YOU REACHED MUTUAL GROUNDS FOR
DISCUSSIONS? (PARAPHRASED)

7. A: WELL, OF COURSE, THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE
CONDUCTED IN OUR VIEW BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES.
AND WE ARE TRYING TO BE HELPFUL IN FINDING A GENERAL
FRAMEWORK. BUT THE DETAILED PLANS AND THE DETAILED BASES
WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE NEGOTIATORS THEMSELVES.

8. Q: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, DO YOU THINK THAT IN ORDER
TO HAVE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE IT IS
LIKELY YOU WILL RETURN TO ANKARA OR TO ATHENS IN THE NEAR
FUTURE?

9. A: WELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN IS GOING TO VISIT
ATHENS AND I DON'T ANTICIPATE RETURNING TO ANKARA BEFORE
THE END OF MAY, WHEN I WILL BE COMING HERE FOR A CENTO
MEETING; AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT VISIT.

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10. Q: DID YOU BRING ANY SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS FROM MR.
BITSIOS WHEN YOU ARRIVED IN ANKARA (INAUDIBLE) TO MR.
ESENBEL (INAUDIBLE) IN ANY WAY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PROGRESS
YOU HAVE MADE?

11. A: I DID NOT COME HERE WITH SPECIFIC PLANS AND MY
PURPOSE WAS IN TRYING TO INTERPRET THE IDEAS AS I HAD
UNDERSTOOD THEM, OF THE GREEK SIDE, AND TO SEE WHETHER ONE

COULD FIND A POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ONCE
THE FORUM HAS BEEN DETERMINED. THANK YOU. (END TEXT)
FOR JERUSALEM: THE ABOVE SHOULD BE REPRODUCED IN SUFFICIENT
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